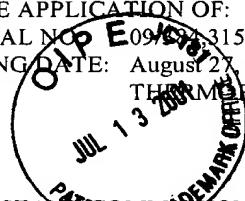


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Alain BOUILLOUX et al.
 SERIAL NO. E09167315
 FILING DATE: August 27, 1999
 FOR: THERMOPLASTIC COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING A CROSSLINKED PHASE

GAU: 1712
 EXAMINER: R. Sellers



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 3, with the following new paragraph:

- The present invention relates to a thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, in which polymer is incorporated a crosslinked phase originating from the reaction:
- of (A) comprising an unsaturated epoxide or a compound containing 2 epoxide functional groups
- of (B) comprising an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride
- of (C) comprising an unsaturated carboxylic acid or of an α,ω -aminocarboxylic acid.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 14, with the following new paragraph: